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Chapter 3 Summary

A podcast is an audio or video net-cast file and a vodcast is a video podcast and can be delivered live as it happens. Special software known as a pod-catcher (such as ITunes) is used for access, updates, and downloads.

Once you have downloaded these files you can use them offline and keep them as long as you like. Podcast are useful for classes because if the class is following an event you as a teacher can have instant up to date information about that topic. Teachers use podcasts because they are user friendly and convenient even preschool students have been able to use them. Educators have integrated podcasts and vodcasts in the classroom by having the students create their own.

* <http://millard.esu3.org/willow/radio/listen.html> written by 5th graders
* <http://tamaki.net.n2/index.php?family=6,41,1456,1471,2936,3021> written by 9-11 year olds.
* [www.dreamextreme.us/podcast](http://www.dreamextreme.us/podcast) written by 6th graders and won national radio award for the podcast in 2009
* [www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/sdue/podcasts.cfm](http://www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/sdue/podcasts.cfm) written by 7th graders

When students write their own podcasts they are more committed to their activity, more engaged, practice their writing skills, presentation skills, collaborative writing skills and team work.

On podcasts educators can find prepared lesson that can support lessons with stories, musical instruments, and many more. Safety is always an issue when students are on the internet. There are “kid friendly” websites such as: kid-cast.com or kids.podcast.com.

Teachers are always finding new areas to learn about and these websites can help find the topics: [www.digitalpodcast.com](http://www.digitalpodcast.com) and [www.apple.com/itunes/](http://www.apple.com/itunes/) . Podcast not only help teacher and students but it also allows for parent engagement.

To get started with a cast you can go to <http://radio.about.com/od/podcastin1/a/aa0300805a.htm> this web site will walk you through the steps to making a cast. If you are an educator you should complete your own cast before teaching students how to create their own casts. More web sites that are available are [www.poducateme.com/guide](http://www.poducateme.com/guide) and [www.ehow.com/how\_2029095\_plan-podcast-class-lecture.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_2029095_plan-podcast-class-lecture.html).

I like how the author has included websites to go in order to find the information.